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WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE DECISION OF 15 AUGUST 1991 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO

Report of the Rapporteur

1. At its 1396th meeting, on 15 August 1991, the Special Committee adopted a resolution (A/AC.109/1088) on the item entitled "Special Committee decision of 15 August 1990 concerning Puerto Rico". The operative paragraphs of the resolution read as follows:

"The Special Committee,

"...

"1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the application of the fundamental principles of that resolution with respect to Puerto Rico;

"2. Trusts that the United States Congress will adopt as soon as possible the legal framework to enable the people of Puerto Rico to exercise their right to self-determination, through popular consultations, in accordance with the principles and practice of the United Nations;

"3. Requests the Rapporteur to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of its resolutions concerning Puerto Rico;

"4. Decides to keep the question of Puerto Rico under continuing review."

2. On 22 August 1991, the Chairman of the Special Committee transmitted the text of the resolution to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for the attention of his Government.

3. Having regard to the request addressed to him in paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Rapporteur of the Special Committee, in a note verbale of the same date addressed to the Permanent Representative of the United States, requested information on action taken or envisaged by the Government of the United States in the implementation of the relevant resolutions.

4. In the context of the present item, the Rapporteur wishes to draw attention to related reports prepared by the Rapporteur of the Special Committee in 1982 (A/AC.109/L.1436), 1984 (A/AC.109/L.1519), 1985 (A/AC.109/L.1571), 1986 (A/AC.109/L.1598), 1987 (A/AC.109/L.1633), 1988 (A/AC.109/L.1676), 1989 (A/AC.109/L.1703), 1990 (A/AC.109/L.1746), and 1991 (A/AC.109/L.1768 and Corr.1), as well as to a study on Puerto Rico prepared by him in 1985 (A/AC.109/L.1572 and Corr.1 and 2).

5. Information on any further developments will be issued in addenda to the present report.